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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Continuation and Conclusion of Briefing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Tuesday, 3 February 1959 at 2:30 P.M.

25X1 1. Inasmuch as it was necessary for the Director to conclude his briefing of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Foreign Affairs Committee briefing was concluded by Mr. Amory who was accompanied by [] At the conclusion of his reading of the Director's prepared statement, Mr. Amory answered questions for approximately fifteen minutes at which time the Director and Mr. Warner joined the group. The Director and Mr. Amory handled the remaining questions. The session concluded at approximately 5:15 P.M. The Representatives present were:

Morgan, Thomas E. (D., Pa.),
Chairman
Zablocki, Clement J. (D., Wisc.)
Burleson, Omar (D., Tex.)
Kelly, Edna F. (D., N. Y.)
Hays, Wayne L. (D., Ohio)
Selden, Armistead I., Jr. (D., Ala.)
Pilcher, J. L. (D., Ga.)
O'Hara, Barratt (D., Ill.)
Fascell, Dante B. (D., Fla.)
Coffin, Frank M. (D., Me.)
Diggs, Charles C., Jr. (D., Mich.)
Beckworth, Lindley (D., Tex.)
McDowell, Harris B., Jr. (D., Del.)

Murphy, William T. (D., Ill.)
Meyer, William H. (D., Vt.)
Gallagher, Cornelius E. (D., N.J.)
Bowles, Chester (D., Conn.)

Chiperfield, Robert B. (R., Ill.)
Bolton, Frances P. (R., Ohio)
Fulton, James G. (R., Pa.)
Church, Marguerite S. (R., Ill.)
Adair, E. Ross (R., Ind.)
Bentley, Alvin M. (R., Mich.)
Curtis, Laurence (R., Mass.)
Wainwright, Stuyvesant (R., N.Y.)

The staff included:

Boyd Crawford
Al Westphal

Peck Hill
Roy Bullock

2. Since a transcript was taken of the presentation, detailed questions will not be gone into. However, several comments are worthy of note.

25X1 a. Mrs. Edna Kelly queried Mr. Amory as to who made the decision
25X1 for us to "move in" any country. She also queried the Director at some
length [] concerning the evaluation of intelligence and
whether we had made any changes in our procedures as a "result of
intelligence lapses." [] her Subcommittee
could not obtain firsthand intelligence estimates on Hungary from the State
Department in 1957.

b. Representative Coffin indicated that he would like to see periodic
briefings of the type just concluded for he felt that they were most useful
(the Director indicated that the same suggestion had been made in other
quarters and that he intended to take the matter up at a higher level in
the Executive Branch).

c. In connection with Mr. Coffin's remarks, Congressman Zablocki
indicated that this was one of the reasons why a number of the Foreign
Affairs Committee members had introduced bills calling for a Joint
Intelligence Committee. He asked the Director for his comment on these
measures. (As in the past, the Director did not take a position on the
Joint Committee bills but said that he could see some problems from the
standpoint of security aspects as they related to members of the Committee
staff.)

3. A press release which had been drafted by Mr. Warner was issued by
the Committee following the briefing.

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